

Egremont News

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Rules & Regulations of this Newsletter:

Selectmen:

Broadband -

FiberConnect has installed its central station on Baldwin Hill. The Grant of Location permit has been signed by all parties. FiberConnect awaits the pole licenses from Verizon in order to move forward with hanging the fiber. We have seen numerous Verizon trucks in town for the last week or so.

Charter Communications has begun its pole survey. You will see people wandering around town measuring between poles and measure the distance between lines on the poles. The Town has yet to receive the application for a Cable TV license.

MassWorks - the Town has applied for \$1mil grant to reconstruct Creamery Road, including intersection rebuilds and traffic calming/slowing measures. If the grant is awarded, work will take place in the spring of 2018.

Road work - In early September, Baldwin Hill West and Ox Bow Road will be repaired. In the spring of 2018 Baldwin Hill South will be repaired.

Roadside trimming - Our Highway Crew is working hard to keep the roadsides trimmed. The weather this summer has been very conducive to fast growth.

911 house numbers - If you do not have a 911 number posted at the end of your driveway you are in violation of General Bylaw 14. You could be assessed a fine of \$10 per day for not having a number. Contact Town Hall to find out how to order a 911 plate. If you do have your number posted, remember to keep it visible so that emergency personnel can see them.

New School Superintendent Beth Regulbuto attended a recent Selectmen's meeting. Prior to the meeting the Egremont School Committee members,

Marcella Bush and Genis Delaney held a meet and greet for Egremont's residents to meet Ms. Regulbuto.



Town celebrates 242nd year:

The Town held a family day on Sunday, August 27 to celebrate its 242nd birthday. The weather was perfect. There were over 60 attendees. The Board of Selectmen recognized the following town officials who have left town service this past year:

Ben Barrett - 12 years on the Conservation Commission

Nick Cooper - over 30 years on the Historical Commission

Nancy DuVall - 19 years of the Board of Health Charles Flynn - over 8 years on the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee

Tom Gage - 13 years as Moderator.

Teb Rubsamen - 4 years on the Conservation Commission

Gregg Siter - 3 years on the Historical Commission

Bill Turner - 35 years as Fire Chief

There was birthday cake and a snow cone war between the Fire and Police Departments, which was a draw - so the challenge is on for next year.

And a thank you to our Egremont residents Karen Berger and David Hodge for their music. Both teach here

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in the Berkshires and the contribution of their time and talent was much appreciated.

Egremonters should hold open the last week end in August 2018 for our 243rd birthday. Since the cake and the music were such hits, the Historical Commission is already planning on another one.





Flu Clinic:

At the Egremont Town Hall, September 26, 2017 from 9am to 11am.

French Park:

We are hopeful that the weather will stay dry for a stretch of time now and into September so that the new playground equipment can be installed.

The Park Committee has purchased, and our grounds crew has installed, two benches at the site of the old Chapel inside the park woodlands. When walking on the approximate 3 miles of trails, stop and rest your feet.



Meet Fire Chief. Joe Schneider:

The man who established the first volunteer fire department also invented bifocals, wrote and printed Poor Richard's Almanac, studied electricity and helped draft the Declaration of Independence. His name was Benjamin Franklin. He was a mechanic, an organizer, politician and storyteller.

Though the days of leather buckets, cotton hoses and horse-drawn kit are long gone, the skills needed for today's Egremont Fire Department chiefs are not dissimilar from Ben Franklin's.

Meet our new Fire Chief, Joe Schneider.

Joe's grandfather and father were Egremont firemen, his father a Chief as well. Joe grew up learning first-hand the evolution of fire-fighting technology and training and the need to be a good fundraiser. He also learned to appreciate the traditions of an all-volunteer Fire Department. Four years ago, Joe and then Chief Bill Turner (now Deputy Chief) began the transition to make Joe the new Chief. The transition was seamless. The priorities for Joe's leadership remain the same and yet are more challenging.

Priority: Maintain ISO Rating

Egremont has the most sought after ISO rating of any town that compares to its profile. ISO stands for Insurance Services Office, a respected, private corporation that evaluates fire departments for insurance rating purposes. Our Fire Department's high rating (expressed as lowest possible risk) is what all Egremonters' home insurance rates are based on. Chief Schneider is committed to maintaining this rating by assuring that the Department's training, equipment and infrastructure are constantly evaluated and kept current.

Priority: Training

The Egremont Fire Department answers many types of calls, from cats being stuck in trees, motor vehicle accidents, structure fires, brush fires, gas leaks, rope rescue, searches of missing persons, ice rescue, water rescue, emergency medical services, and anything in between. All of this requires extensive training. Every Tuesday night the department trains for 2 to 3 hours and many members, on their own free time, take classes offered by the Mass. Fire Academy and other fire departments. Some members have gone through a 100 hour RIT (Rapid Intervention Team) training, which is saving one of our own if they go down or become distressed or trapped in a building. Along with this we have been trained in firefighter down CPR. Members have attended Fire Fighter I & II training offered by the Mass Fire Academy, and we continue to build on those skills each Tuesday night.

Chief Schneider has become a Fire Prevention Officer, which means he can do all the building inspections and code enforcement in the town to assure the safety of Egremont's residents.

Fire Fighter Dave Katzenstein is a huge help in the emergency medical training, which the department handles a lot of. The Egremont Fire Department was one of the first fire departments in Massachusetts to become certified in the use of Narcan and the EPI pen thanks to Issue 96

Dave. Dave also does all of Egremont's rope rescue training, which during the summer is extra training on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Priority: Equipment

Specs are currently being analyzed so that EFD's 10-year-old rescue truck can be replaced with a mandated (goes to maintaining our ISO rating) truck updated to the latest technology. Under consideration is the re-purposing the current truck as a brush truck. Future options will entail on-going discussions with neighboring towns as to shared equipment to keep costs down when feasible. Priority: Volunteers

Currently the EFD has 22 association members. Chief Schneider's goal is to increase this number to 40. He considers recruitment and the nurturing of new recruits to be among his most important tasks as Chief. Egremont has a pool of expertise that could contribute and make Chief Schneider's goal a reality.



ECO-TIP:

Avoid plastic! How to make a 1-liter plastic bottle for drinking water: take 1/4 liter of <u>petroleum</u> and add <u>3 liters</u> of water. Think of all the oil used to create that case of plastic water bottles!

Two "Little Free Libraries" in Egremont:

The Library trustees have been working on bringing Little Free Libraries to Egremont, and they're here! Have you heard of Little Free Libraries? They're popping up throughout the country and the world. Now Egremont has two of our very own. One at Kenver and one at the Town Hall. Thanks to Bud Candee for building them.

What is a Little Free Library and what's so special about it?

A Little Free Library is a "take a book, return a book" free book exchange. They come in many

shapes and sizes, but the most common version is a small wooden box of books. Anyone may take a book or bring a book to share. Little Free Library book exchanges have a unique, personal touch. There is an understanding that real people are sharing their favorite books with their community; Little Libraries have been called "mini-town squares."

Can anyone give or take books from any Little Free Library? Do I have to return the exact book I take?

Yes, anyone may contribute or take books. The more the merrier! If you take a book (or two) from a Library, you do not need to return that exact book. However, in order to keep the Little Library full of good choices for the whole neighborhood, the next time you swing by the Library bring a few books to share. Little Library book exchanges function on the honor system; everyone contributes to ensure there are always quality books inside. This way, we all win! Don't forget to include children's and young adult books if you have a few to donate.

Special thanks to the following for helping make Little Free Libraries available in Egremont

- Library Trustees: Peg Muskrat, Keila Sheldon and Francine Groener
- 2. Bud Candee for building them for us!
- 3. Lucinda Fenn-Vermeulen for graciously welcoming one at Kenver.
- 4. Egremont Selectboard and town hall staff for welcoming one at the Town Hall.

Two Locations in Egremont Town Hall: 171 Egremont Plain Rd

Kenver: 39 Main Street South Egremont

ECO-TIPS:

Confused about what and what not to recycle? Check out the Green Committee website: www.egremont-ma.gov/green.html.

Board of Assessors:

Due Dates:

The deadline for submitting applications for property owners qualifying as a senior, veteran or their surviving spouse or minor, and blind persons is October 1, 2017.

Tax abatement applications for property used as forest, agricultural/horticultural, or recreational land are also due by October first.

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If you have any questions please contact the Assessors' office at 528-0182, Ext. 14. Our Town Hall office hours are Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon. You may also email us at assessors@egremont-ma.gov.

Water Department:

Please let the Department know if you are going to be filling your pool or have an irrigation system! The recorder at the water plant shows an increase in water production but we cannot tell if it is a leak, or pool use or irrigation. A quick call will help us with our reporting to Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. Massachusetts Regulations require that a backflow prevention device be installed in irrigation systems; the Water Department has to perform an inspection of irrigation systems before allowing connection. Thank you!

The Department continues its leak detection program; replacement of older infrastructure is ongoing. The Water Department saves process time (and money) by treating less water as a result of these efforts.

Did you know that a dripping faucet can waste 20 gallons of water a day! A leaky toilet can waste 200 gallons a day. These leaks waste your water and your money. That extra amount of water going into a septic system is not good for the system either.

If you have any questions about water supply or billing, the Water Department Clerk is available at Town Hall Monday - Friday from 7 to 3; telephone 528-0182 ext 17.

Council on Aging:

We hope everyone has enjoyed a beautiful summer. Please remember, as the days get shorter, to wear your "Be Seen, Be Safe" vests. They will make you visible to motorists and help to keep you safe. Some of you got these vests at our June event at French Park. If you didn't and would like one, they are available at the Town Hall.

Our first event of the season will be Wednesday, October 4th at 12:00 at the Egremont Village Inn. This will be a Tea Party honoring our Mt. Washington and Egremont 90 year old seniors and even some of their elders. This year we have 9 Egremont seniors turning ninety and 3 from Mt. Washington. It is always a very special event and

we look forward to seeing so many of you. It's a time to renew old friendships and make new ones. And to find out what your COA has planned for future events in the coming months.

Just a reminder...if you need a ride to medical appointments there is a new program available to seniors. Since Egremont is a member of the Berkshire Regional Transportation Authority, our residents are eligible for this service. This is a pilot program, ending 12/31/2017, designed to determine the needs of seniors. If it's not used, we will lose the program. So please call 413-499-0524, ext 177 to arrange for a ride.

Your COA would love to hear from you regarding your needs and ideas. You can leave a message at the Town Hall (413-528-0182) and someone will get back to you.

ECO-TIP:

Bottle and jar caps will get recycled if you leave them screwed onto the bottles & jars. (This keeps those small parts from dropping into the recycling mechanism and gumming up the works.)

Emergency Management

In preparation for colder weather and winter storms, we would like to remind you if you wish to add other numbers or email addresses to the Town's telephone alert system, please call or email us with that information.

If you wish, the system can send an email or text message to you. It can also call your cell phone or VOIP type telephone (through your television or computer if you have that service).

Remember!!! You must register those means of contact with the Town; the system only has access to regular listed landline telephone numbers; it cannot detect unlisted numbers. It also cannot get VOIP or cell phone numbers, nor can it determine email addresses. Those must be manually entered into the system.

If you would like to change or add your information into the system, please email or call us with the pertinent contact numbers and email addresses.

If you have any questions about the alert system, please drop us an email or call us and we will be happy to answer them.

Email: <u>wbrinker@egremont-ma.gov</u> Phone: 413 528-0182 ext 17

ECO-TIP

Recycling plastic film/wrap? Try this site: www.plasticfilmrecycling.org/recycling-bags-and-wraps/plastic-film-education-individuals/learn-whats-recyclable/. GB Price Chopper (bottle-redemption room) is a place to take it.

Technology Committee:

Egremont awaits Charter proposal. Back in April the Egremont Select Board voted to enter negotiations with Charter on a cable franchise agreement. Following our Town's decision, along with commitments from three other western Massachusetts towns, the Massachusetts Broadband Institute (MBI) reopened discussions with Charter to revise the state's grant award contract with them. At the Select Board meeting on July 24, representatives from MBI and from Charter made a short presentation of their overall plans for Egremont and took questions from the Board and from townspeople who were present. We learned the basic parameters of Charter's approach and the "Spectrum" service they will be offering; however, they had not yet worked out details of their construction plans. We asked the Charter representative when Spectrum service would go live in Egremont. She explained that they had not yet done their "ride out" to assess specific construction requirements nor put together a detailed project plan. With these caveats in mind, she estimated that if all goes well, construction could be complete, and service lit up, sometime around December 2018.

Also in July, members of the Egremont Technology Committee attended a workshop presented by the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications on the policies and procedures involved in negotiating a cable franchise agreement. This process is governed by state and federal regulations, and there are very specific steps that must be followed. Normally, the first step is for a town to advertise a public notice and allow a 60-day period for interested cable TV providers to submit proposals. The Town of Egremont applied for—and was granted—a waiver for this step because the MBI grant solicitation program essentially fulfilled this requirement. The next step is for Charter to submit a formal application with their proposed cable

franchise agreement; this is what we are currently waiting for. Once we receive the application, the Town will respond with a counter-proposal that includes any changes we deem appropriate. For example, the state contract with Charter requires them to "pass" (offer access to) 96% of properties in the Town; if that is indeed what they propose, we would counter that the Town wants them to pass 100% of properties. The Technology Committee will be able to respond quickly to Charter's proposal because we already have substantial guidance both from the Town's special telecommunications counsel and from townspeople who spoke at meetings this past spring as to what we need in our agreement. Once the Town has a "final" offer from Charter, there will be a public hearing and then a vote by the Select Board to accept or reject the proposed agreement.

By law, some issues are outside the scope of a cable franchise agreement. Specifically, although Charter will offer internet (and phone) service in addition to cable TV, the parameters of their internet service are not open for negotiation by the Town; instead, some of these parameters are governed by their contract with the state. For example, standard residential internet speed will be 60 Mbps.

Fiber Connect begins installation work. At its meeting on July 10, the Select Board voted to approve FC's application for a Grant of Location, which is the Town's process to permit utility companies to install utility poles and build electrical and communications infrastructure along public ways. Unlike Charter, FC is not a "Cable TV" company because they provide no programming or content of any kind—they just provide the "pipe" through which independent digital content flows—and therefore they are not subject to cable TV regulations or the franchise agreement process. Note: As an alternative to cable TV, consumers may obtain video programming over the internet from independent sources.

According to a recent notification from Fiber Connect to the Town, FC is waiting for the last of the Pole Attachment Licenses from National Grid and Verizon for their Phase 1 construction. They say they will then begin stringing fiber optic cable very shortly thereafter. Meanwhile, they have already begun installing equipment at individual subscribers' homes so they will be ready to connect as soon as the fiber cable passes by them. You can see their map of what areas Phase 1 and Phase 2 will cover at http://bfcma.com/images/01258/phases.jpg.

| ECO-TIP | | 7/11/2017 7:17 PM | 100 |
|---|---------------|---|-----------------|
| To dispose of shredded paper in quantity: Buy 30- | | Mt. Washington Rd. | Medical |
| gallon brown paper "leaf bag | | 7/12/2017 11:29 | 101 |
| staple the bag shut (no tape). Toss into the paper- | | Monument Mountain Res. | Rescue |
| recycling bin. Or use a cardboard box, closed by | | 7/15/2017 3:39 PM | 102 |
| tucking the 4 flaps (no tape). | | Main St. | Alarm/smoke |
| | | 7/15/2017 5:50 PM | 103 |
| Fire Department: | | Tyrell Rd. | Medical |
| Date Time Call # | | 7/16/2017 7:39 AM | 104 |
| /Location /Type | | Ridge Rd. | Medical |
| $\frac{6/20/2017}{7:22 \text{ AM}}$ | 82 | 7/16/2017 8:59 PM | 105 |
| Prospect Lake Rd. | Alarm/False | East St. Mt. Washington | Medical |
| 6/22/2017 3:47 Pm | 83 | 7/17/2017 12:01 PM | 106 |
| Town House Hill Rd. | Medical | AT Trail off Rt. 41 | Rescue |
| 6/23/2017 9:45 PM | 84 | 7/17/2017 4:29 PM | 107 |
| Appalachain Trail | Rescue | Millard Rd. | Alarm/False |
| 6/24/2017 9:19 PM | 85 | 7/21/2017 1257 PM | 108 |
| Bash Bish Falls | Rescue | Bash Bish Falls | Rescue |
| 6/25/2017 10:46 AM | 86 | 7/24/2017 7:09 PM | 109 |
| Blunt Rd. | Medical | Blunt Rd | Alarm/smoke |
| 6/26/2017 6:58 AM | 87 | 7/27/2017 3:32 PM | 110 |
| East St. Mt. Washington | Alarm/False | Baldwin Hill E/W | Wires Down |
| 6/27/2017 9:52 PM | 88 | 7/27/2017 7:46 PM | 111 |
| East St. Mt. Washington | Medical | Hillsdale Rd. | Smell of gas |
| 6/28/2017 11:08 AM | 89 | 7/28/2017 11:58 AM | 112 |
| French Park | Medical | Egremont Plain Rd. | Alarm/False |
| 6/29/2017 5:39 PM | 90 | 7/28/2017 8:28 PM | 113 |
| Hillsdale Rd. | Medical | Bash Bish Falls | Rescue/Recovery |
| 7/1/2017 3:57 AM | 91 | 8/1/2017 7:39 . | |
| Baldwin Hill E/W | Medical | Townhouse Hill & Creamery | |
| 7/3/2017 3:08 PM | 92 | 8/1/2017 8:10 A | |
| | Medical | Sheffield Rd. | Medical |
| East St. Mt. Washington 7/5/2017 12:57 PM | 93 | 8/4/2017 10:03 | |
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| Creamery Rd. | Medical | Rt. 41 | MVA |
| 7/6/2017 3:41 PM | 94 Madiaal | 8/5/2017 11:25 | |
| Prospect Lake Rd. | Medical | Shun Toll Rd. | Alarm/False |
| 7/6/2017 9:48 PM | 95 A1 /F 1 | 8/7/2017 6:04 I | |
| Button Ball Ln. | Alarm/False | Pine Crest Hill | Alarm/False |
| 7/7/2017 7:55 AM | 96 | 8/10/2017 8:37 | AM 119 |
| Ridge Rd. | Medical | Ridge Rd | Medical |
| 7/7/2017 2:10 PM | 97 | 8/11/2017 7:14 A | |
| Baldwin Hill Rd. N/S | Alarm/False | Jug End Rd. | False Alarm |
| 7/7/2017 8:40 PM | 98 | 8/13/2017 5:12 F | |
| McGee Rd. | Medical | Baldwin Hill Rd. E/W | Lift assist |
| 7/9/2017 6:09 PM | 99 | 8/14/2017 4:04 F | |
| Jug End Rd. | Medical | Town House hill Rd | Medical |
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| Under Mountain Rd. | | Medical | |
| 8/16/2017 | 5:53 PN | M | 124 |
| Shun Toll Rd. | | Alarm/False | |
| 8/17/2017 | 7:37 Al | M | 125 |
| West St. Mt. Washing | gton | Alarm/False | |
| 8/18/2017 | 6:39 PN | M | 126 |
| West St. Mt Washing | ton | Alarm/False | |
| 8/19/2017 | 11:59 A | AM | 127 |
| West St Mt. Washing | ton | Alarm/False | |
| 8/19/2017 | 1:10 PN | \mathcal{M} | 128 |
| Blunt Rd. | | Medical | |
| 8/20/2017 | 3:26 Al | M | 129 |
| West St. Mt. Washing | gton | Alarm/False | |
| 8/20/2017 | 3:04 PN | M | 130 |
| West St. Mt. Washing | gton | Alarm/False | |

Conservation Commission:

Certainly several weeks of activity for the Commission. At the moment we have six projects before us that involve, in some fashion, from minor to major, Prospect Lake: Simple deck replacements to replacement of the Lake dam.

Of course there are other interesting ones that go forward because all requirements have been fulfilled. We think one of the most interesting and illustrative is the purchase of and repurposing of, the former liquor store on Main Street in South Egremont. During a site inspection (which we do at least once on all projects) we viewed the proposed renovations, which include major repointing of the foundation, a significant portion of which is *IN* Karner Brook. With all safeguards noted in the submitted plan, we gave the go-ahead.

So, how do we make it as easy as possible for you to preview your project. Wetland? Marsh? Critical Species? River/Pond/Stream bank involved? Land under water? If you haven't been through the WPA regs, you may not have even thought about them.

One way, currently, is to use, of course, the internet. The MassOliver site will give you a basic overview of your property's potential issues. Use the map overlays of NEHSP (rare species) for possible additional issues.

With this said we have initiated a Project Review Form, which is meant as an optional precursor to any project. Basically, it lays out what the property owner wants to do, in as much detail as possible. (Forms are available currently at the Town website under Forms Misc.), as well as outside the ConCom's 2nd flr. Office at Town Hall on the general information flyer shelves. If you're not ready to fill out an official DEP form, a Project Review Form is the best way to get our feedback. Also, unlike the official DEP forms, it's free!

As always, we welcome inquiries at concom@egremont.ma-gov.

And we're always looking for additional Commission Members.

NOTE: We usually meet the second and fourth Thursday of the month but may have a slightly revised schedule this fall. Please check our meeting agendas, as posted and online, for updates.

ECO-TIP

To recycle clean bits of aluminum foil, such as yogurt covers, start a collection by crumpling them into a ball. When the ball is 3 or 4 inches wide, it won't get caught in the recycling machinery, so add it to your recycling bin.

Egremont Historical Commission:

As the summer fades and memories of our 242nd birthday party begin to fade as well, the Historical Commission would like to thank all its members for their hard work at the party and their unfailing support for our Mission - To meet the challenge of preserving our heritage and help establish and define the character of our community through the protection and promotion of our historical assets.

And nothing is a greater historical asset to a Town than the good will, respect and ongoing pride a New England village takes in honoring the service of its own citizens at a grand summer birthday party - with a bit of cake and a lot of fun thrown in.

We hope everyone had an opportunity to thank our host, the church and the three beautiful historic buildings - there are actually three buildings of significance all joined together that form the main church - that sit in the middle of our historic South Village along with the Rectory, and hear about their history.

Although the main church building was built in 1833, it wasn't until 1918 that the Society that actually constructed the church turned it over to the 1st Congregational Church. It is hoped that the anniversary in 2018 might mark the transfer of the care and keeping of these historic treasures to the new group, Friends of the

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Egremont Meeting House and we will continue to celebrate many more birthdays on these green lawns going forward.

First Congregational Church of South Egremont:

The First Congregational Church of South Egremont will hold a Barbecue Ribs Dinner September 23 from 5-7 p.m. Adults \$18 and children ages 5-10 \$5.

Take-out will be available. Menu includes ribs, baked potato, corn on the cob, coleslaw, dessert and beverage.

Egremont Garden Club:

The Egremont Garden Club sponsored a free Fairy House Workshop at French Park on Saturday, July 15.

Allen Timmons, sculpture and wood worker, started the day off by showing some examples of fairy houses and creating a little magic for us all. Then it was time to get creative!

About sixty five children (accompanied by their parents) participated. Materials, such as bark, flowers, moss, stones, beads, feathers, and berries were provided. As the children set to work, it was amazing to see the different houses they created. A great event to get children's imaginations working. A wonderful time was enjoyed by all!



Berkshire Botanical Gardens:

October 7-8, 10 am - 5 pm Berkshire Botanical Garden's 83rd annual Harvest Festival.

Iconic Berkshire festival featuring family fun, great food, local craft vendors, entertainment, a farmers market, petting zoo, giant tag sales and so much more. Admission to the Festival is \$7 and kids under 12 are free. Free parking in the Garden's lots.

Berkshire Botanical Garden 5 West Stockbridge Road Stockbridge, MA 01262 http://www.berkshirebotanical.org/info@berkshirebotanical.org
413 298 3926



Meeting schedule:

Meeting regularly. Subject to change. Please see postings of meetings at Town Hall and the Post Offices for more detail. This is not official.

Archives Room - First Saturday 9-noon or by appointment

Assessors - Tuesdays & Thursdays 9am to 12noon & by appointment

Council on Aging - Third Tuesday of each month at 12noon. Other times as needed.

Board of Health - Monday—Thursday 7am to 12noon. Meetings - Thursdays as posted 10am

Board of Selectmen - Meetings every other Monday evenings 7pm. Office weekdays 7am to 3pm.

Building Inspector - Tuesday 12:30pm to 3:30pm. Other times and inspections by appointment

Conservation Commission - Second and Fourth Thursdays 7:00pm

Finance Committee - January through April. Other times as needed.

Library - Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 2-6pm & Saturday 9-12noon 413-528-1474

Planning Board - Please check web page for meeting dates.

School Committee: Second & Fourth Thursdays 6pm Mt. Everett High School Library

Tax Collector: Monday - Friday 7:00am to 3:00pm Town Clerk - Mon-Thurs 1pm to 3pm or by appointment

Transfer Station - Tuesday & Thursday 8am to 1pm, Saturday 8am to 3pm, Sunday 12noon to 4pm Water Department - Office Clerk weekdays 7am-3pm Meetings second Thursday 3:00pm at Town Hall Zoning Board of Appeals - as needed

To reach a board member or to leave a message please call the Town Hall 528-0182.

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Business listings:

In an effort to promote local small businesses, the following businesses/services located in, or near, Egremont have agreed to be listed here. If we missed asking you and you wish to be included, please send your information to the Town Hall. Support local businesses:

Prospect Lake Park and Campground - camping, swimming 413-528-4158 prospectlk@aol.com www.prospectlakepark.com

Egremont residents receive a discount to access the beach.

The Inn at Sweet Water Farm - B&B 1 Prospect Lake Road 413-528-2882 www.innsweetwater.com

John Andrews' Restaurant - Restaurant 413-528-3469

Swiss Hutte Country Inn and Restaurant-Restaurant & Lodging 413-528-6200 www.swisshutte.com

Robin's Chair Caning - Chair caning and repairs. Robin Walther 116 Egremont Plain Road 413-528-2537 robinschaircaning@gmail.com

Red Barn Antiques - Antique lighting & fine metal polishing 413-528-3230

41 Main Antiques Gallery - Vintage and modern furniture, antiques, collectibles, architectural and decorative objects.
413-528-0112
www.41mainantiques.com

Blue Rider Stables - Therapeutic Horseback Riding Lessons, summer programs www.bluerider.org 413-528-5299

Green River Arabians & Pintos -Horse Boarding, lessons, judging, farm programs 413-528-2367 arabpinto 13@yahoo.com

Indian Line Farm - Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) & Farmers Markets 413-528-8301 www.indianlinefarm.com

Ivory Pond Farm -

Llamas, Yarn and Woolens. Dancing Crane Rug Hooking Studio. Hooked rugs, lessons and supplies.

Tom & Liz Marino 413-528-9465 www.lizmarinorughooking.com Llamama@wildblue.net

Turner Farms Maple Syrup - Phillips Road, open 7am to 7pm 7 days a week. 413-528-5710

Elfi Six Shiatsu/Acutonics®, Bodywork 413-644-9979 www.CosmicResonance.com

Zorn Family Chiropractic-Chiropractor 44 Main Street, South Egremont 413-528-9654 healingspiritdc@yahoo.com

Zorn Core Fitness Personal, Couples & Group Training
Cardio Room - \$25 per month Free 1 month cardio for
Egremont residents
46 Main Street, South Egremont
413-528-1594
www.zorncorefitness.com zornari@gmail.com

Yoga at Zorn Core Fitness, with Karin Beebe Ashtanga Yoga & Gentle/Hatha Yoga 46 Main Street, South Egremont 413-528-0828 kbyoga@gmail.com

Old Egremont Country Store - groceries, beer, wine, liquor, newspapers, lottery, & much more 413-528-4796

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Blueberry Lane Home Design - Interior decorating 413-528-9633

Closet Collection - clothing & household consignment shop 413-528-6236

Berkshire Veneer Company - wholesale/retail wood veneer sales 413-644-9696

Steve Agar - driving services Ride to the airport, train, etc 413-717-1607

Lord St. Pierre - General Contractor Home renovations, maintenance and monitoring 413-522-3671 llstpierre@yahoo.com

"Jack of All Trades"-Handyman Services Jack Buckley 413-528-1982 413-446-1982

James Olmsted - Outdoor Services & Caretaking Field Mowing 413-528-0102 pager 413-261-2150

Glenn Gallagher: Home repairs, property maintenance, carpentry 475-434-0686

Bonnie Wells: general housekeeping, maintenance to construction clean-up, ironing, polishing, organizing, window washing with free screen cleaning.
413-854-7417 bonbonz75@yahoo.com

Catamount Ski Area - Skiing & ropes course 413-528-1262 www.catamountski.com

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To A True Friend By Stan Farnum

Time, the heartless thief who steals each of our hours Has nearly won the war I fight, To stay with you, my dearest friend, to slow the forces of the night. How can words alone explain What lies within the heart, For therein always will remain The sorrow when we part. The sun from all the clouds escapes When I may see your smile, And though I'm old, pray destiny shapes That I linger yet a while. To be your ever loving friend For days and hoped for years So when the time must finally end And a whisper from afar appears You will know from very far away In some sought shadow land I'm still with you every day To hold my dear friends hand



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